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COUNTRY	East Germany	SECURITY INFORMATION		
TOPIC	Oranienburg Airfield	REPORT NO.		
EVALUATION	see below	PLACE OBTAINED		25X1A
DATE OF CONTENT	13 May to 5 June 1953			
DATE OBTAINED		DATE PREPARED	27 July 1953	
REFERENCES		25X1A		
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1. On 13 May 1953, and on some days after that date, 20 shrapnelproof aircraft revetments were counted at Oranienburg airfield.
2. A worker employed at the airfield stated that on 23 May the Bauunion Leipzig was engaged in readying its construction machines for shipment which was scheduled for the last days in May.¹
3. In late May and early June, additional shrapnelproof aircraft revetments were under construction using the help of the other skilled workers as no other construction work was under way at the field. Each revetment was provided with a concrete turning apron.
4. Damages which had been observed on the runway in late May 1953 were caused by the fact that the interval between the individual expansion joints was too large and because the boards used in the expansion joints had not been removed. Another reason probably was the fact that the thickness of the concrete slabs laid on the old asphalt cover varied between 12 cm and 26 cm.
5. Some sections of the Weisse Stadt restricted settlement, housed construction workers from the airfield. The section north of Ernst Thaelmann Strasse was occupied by an air force unit of 50 to 60 men who wore crossed propeller insignia. The headquarters was believed to be located in building Nos 52/53. 2
6. Several concrete mixers, a steam locomotive, a coal pile and several reel-mats were observed in the southern section of the field. Source definitely observed that the southern end of the runway had been extended by 150 to 200 meters. The ground in the southeastern section of the field was broken up in spots, apparently for the construction on a taxiway.

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7. Between 26 May and 2 June, additional shrapnelproof aircraft revetments were constructed at the field. Gravel, crushed stones and cement arrived at the site.

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1. ☐ Comment. Construction work at Oranienburg airfield is being done by the Bauunion Leipzig which, according to another source, is to be relieved by another unidentified Bauunion. See ☐

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2. ☐ Comment. For location of building Nos 52/53, see layout sketch of the Weisse Stadt restricted settlement which was previously furnished.

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